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1. The Central Office for Research and Technology (Zentralamt fuer Forschung und Technik - ZAFT) of the East German State Planning Commission, was ordered by the Council of Ministers to work out detailed justification for all planned 1955 research projects which appear on the list of "those projects of economic importance which are deemed to have decisive influence upon the development of East German Industry". These projects will be approved separately by the Council of Ministers in January 1955. Their approval is dependent upon specific justification and recommendations by ZAFT in contrast to the general research and development plan which is approved in toto.
2. Erich Bauer, head of ZAFT Integral Planning Department, issued a confidential directive in early January 1955 to all Fachgebiet heads of ZAFT pointing out that the above-mentioned special projects, also called D-projects, are of great importance and that their expediting is considered urgent. The directive also stated that the Council of Ministers will, in all probability, establish special measures to be taken, particularly with respect to material supply, for the expediting of these projects. If such measures are requested by the Council of Ministers, so the directive stated, they will be a matter of secrecy, and no information about them should be divulged.

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